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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Over the past few weeks, a couple of members have come up to me to tell me how much they like my column especially when I talk about other posts that I've visited in my travels. I have a couple of more legions to tell you about. The first is the Madeira Beach Post 273 in Florida. You should Google this American legion. They have over 7000 members (the largest in the world) and they are right on the Intracoastal Waterway in the Tampa area. The other is Texas post 231 on Lake Texoma. In 2015, the post was lost because Lake Texoma hit a record flood level of 645 feet. They had to completely demolish their existing building and build a new one - on stilts 12 feet high. It nearly broke them. Why do I bring up these two legion posts? First, they are absolutely beautiful post homes. The second is, after visiting these posts, I asked the Board of Directors if we could bring in a lake for our own post. - wouldn't that be awesome?! Alas, I was voted down.

And this brings me to the purpose of my column this month. Do you have some great ideas to move our Post forward and make it even more successful than it already is? Are there some things that you would like to see changed in our Post? Well, we need you. I admit, we need active members to serve as officers more than we need a lake brought in (but I can dream of having both, can't I?). Nominations for officers for the 2019 - 2020 activity year are needed by 6 PM on Wednesday, April 17th. Elections are held in May.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Any Post Legion Member in good standing can run - even if you disagree with having a lake! :-) Commander Doris

Commander's coins:

Tom Drelicharz • Gerry Maher • Peter Mamula

SAL NEWS

Hello All!

The bowling tournament and chili cook-off was a success as always! A lot of fun was had by everyone. I want to thank everyone who participated and donated chili. Also, a huge Thank You to the Nelson family.

We are doing another raffle. It's for a pellet grill/smoker made by BLAZ' N Grill. This grill is 100% American made in Beatrice, NE! Ask one of us for your chance to win! The drawing will be held on Memorial Day, May 27.

Nominations for officers will be held at the April 1 meeting. Voting will be held at the May meeting on May 6. Think about running for office and getting your ideas heard.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Don't forget the spaghetti sauce cook-off is coming up Saturday April 6 so get your recipes ready! There will also be a mystery bottle raffle, who knows what you'll win!! The sign-up sheet is at the bar. The cook-off starts at 5:00. Get your sauce to the Post by 3:00.

The kids Easter Party is Sunday April 14 from 12 – 2:00. Bring in your kids and/or grandkids for some fun and a chance to meet the Easter bunny too!

Girls State delegates have been chosen to go Lincoln for the Cornhusker Girls State for a week in June. We interviewed 13 impressive young women and had to narrow it down to 6 to represent the Millard High Schools. Due to the donations received from ALR, the Sons and Legionnaires, we were able to send an extra girl this year. Thank you!

We are having elections in May, so be sure to let me know if you want to volunteer for an office. It doesn't take much time and we would love to have some new ideas!

Also, I need any of your volunteer hours & your donations (money, food, etc.) for my end of year report. Please have them to me by April 13. Thanks!

We will be selling individual desserts on Monday, April 1 from 5:30 to 7:00 during taco night. Let me know if you are able to bring a dessert. Auxiliary Cooks night is Tuesday April 16 from 5:30 to 7:30.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. God bless you all,

Tara Scott, President 425-577-2242



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RIDERS NEWS

For the state of Nebraska, this winter was a horrific one. We all know someone who was impacted by the recent flooding. Doing what we do best, we have come to aid of those in need with a monetary donation to the Legion in Glenwood IA. for water while their facilities are down. Our own Kara Peterson has been taking in animals whose pastures and stables have been flooded, providing them a safe habitat until their owners can once again move them back to their homes. Naming a few actions by the ALR of our Post, this is what we do and we do it well. Please give to local charities, Red Cross, etc. to help those in need.

We also provided for a lucky girl to go to Girls State this year; this was a great opportunity for her and us as an ALR to help the young folks in our community learn more about our state government.

Our Poker Runs are gearing up so there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer this summer. Please remember that every Monday is Taco Night and the ALR volunteers for kitchen duty every second Monday of the month along with managing the \$1.00 candy raffle each Monday. I passed around a calendar at the last meeting seeking volunteers for the kitchen and raffle. If you didn't get an opportunity to sign up please give me a jingle and I will get your name on the list. I have seen many motorcycle coming out of their garages already (mine included). Please note that we have many things to be careful of when riding a bike: traffic, traffic lights, sand on the pavement and now pot holes. Please watch your speed and the road conditions while the pot holes get repaired and the streets get cleaned up.

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From the Kitchen Manager:

Due to the rising cost of products all items on taco night will be increasing by .25¢ effective April 1, 2019.

When you come into the Post home and you see something on the floor please pick it up. Don't tell the bartender or someone else that there is popcorn on the floor; get a broom and clean it up.

THIS IS YOUR HOME!!!

NEW FEATURE

If you cannot attend a General meeting in person you can do it remotely by going to:

Join the Online Meeting:

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/adj374>

Or by calling Dial-in Number (US):

(605) 475-4928

Access Code: 463168

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There are four pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday), two for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and one for the SAL drawing (Sunday).

You have to register to win.

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USPS News

If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. **The Post pays \$1.22 for every returned newsletter.**

Thank you.

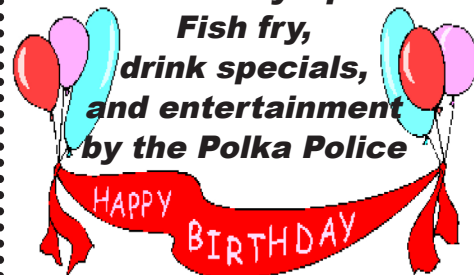
The April Birthday Bash will be Friday April 5.

Fish fry,

drink specials,

and entertainment

by the Polka Police



There is a **BELL** at the Post that is to be rung **ONLY** when the Huskers get a touchdown. If you ring it at any other time you will have to buy a round of drinks for the **ENTIRE BAR.**

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| Legion..... | \$45.00 |
| Auxiliary | \$30.00 |
| Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under) | \$8.00 |
| SAL | \$25.00 |
| Jr. SAL | \$7.50 |

FROM THE ADJUTANT

I have been asked to look into a Post trip in 2020 to Europe (end of Apr into May timeframe); thoughts are to go to some of the WWII beaches and cemeteries, then go to some cities in Germany and possibly Frühlingsfest (Spring Festival) in Munich. The trip would include hotels (dual occupancy); entry in some sites/events, chartered bus transportation, and some meals. We need to limit the trip to around 30 people. If you would like to go please contact me so I can get you registered, see if there is enough interest, and start planning the itinerary. So far I have heard from 9 people.

Please check your membership card and see if it shows 2019; if not please pay your dues. Elections will be held in May. Please think about running for an office. All offices are open.

Thank you!

Greg Petersen, Adjutant

COLOR GUARD NEWS

Usually our season doesn't kick off until May, but we started a little early this year. In January we did two Honor Wall Dedications: one at Elkridge Assisted Living and one at Elkridge Retirement. I got to briefly chat with Stan Logan, a former Post Officer and Color Guard member.

The following is a list of dates we already have for our season:

Friday May 24 Purple Heart Honor Flight
Monday May 27 Memorial Day---3 cemeteries and Post home

Storm Chasers Friday night baseball at Werner Park: April 12 & 26; May 3, 10, & 24; June 21; July 5 (special fireworks night), 19, & 26; August 30

Parades so far: Ashland Days/Ralston/Millard Days. I don't have any dates yet for Legion baseball.

We are very proud of our Color Guard members who take the time to honor our flag and represent our Post. *Gary Sempek*



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL



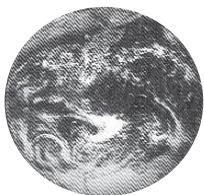
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"No One Earned There Wings"



The Legion has two cemetery plots at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery for sale. They are both double depth vaults for two people. The cost is \$7,195 or best offer. If you would like to purchase them please contact.

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★★ **MAY 2019** ★★

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE
(NO Later Than Saturday, April 20)**














Mondays - \$1.25 Taco Night 5:30 – 7:30
Tuesday - Hamburger Night - 5:30 -7:30
Thursday - Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 (menu varies)

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APRIL 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 2 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 3 | 4 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 ----- Tenderloins 5:30 | 5 FOOD Fish Fry/ Birthday Bash 5:30 Polka Police 7:00 | 6 FOOD Auxiliary Spaghetti sauce cook- off 5:00 "PUBLIC WELCOME" |
| 7 | 8 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 9 FOOD Auxiliary Mtg 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 10 | 11 FOOD Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 12 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Live Music 7:00 "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 13 Rock n Roll Bingo "PUBLIC WELCOME" |
| 14 FOOD Kids Easter Party 12:00 – 2:00 | 15 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 16 FOOD Auxiliary serving burgers 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30 | 17 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30 | 18 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 19 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Live Music 7:00 "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 20 News LTR Articles Due |
| 21 Happy Easter!  | 22 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 23 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 24 | 25 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 26 Rock n Roll Bingo "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 27 |
| 28 | 29 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | 30 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME" | | | | |

• UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST •

- Friday April 5, 12 & 19Fish Fry
- Saturday Apr 6..... Spaghetti sauce cook-off
- Sunday Apr 14Kids Easter Party
- Saturday May 11.....Commanders Baseball Dinner
- Sunday May 12.....Mother's Day Brunch
- Monday May 27 Memorial Day Services at the Post



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MENU:

Fried Pollock, Grilled Salmon, Stuffed Salmon (stuffed with crab cake), Fried Shrimp, Steak and Mac & Cheese
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